

193A—3.6 (542) Conditional requirements.

3.6(1) Under the paper-and-pencil examination, a candidate for a certificate is subject to the following:

- a.* A candidate must take all subjects at one sitting until the candidate achieves the status of conditional candidate or passes all subjects.
- b.* A candidate who at any examination passes two or more subjects and obtains a grade of not less than 50 in each subject failed shall be considered as a conditional candidate in the subjects successfully passed. However, the minimum grade requirement will be waived if three subjects are passed at a single sitting.
- c.* A candidate who achieves conditional standing shall be credited with the subjects in which the candidate received passing grades. A conditional candidate may, upon payment of the required fee, appear for reexamination in the subject or subjects failed at any of the next six consecutive examinations.
- d.* When a conditional candidate appears for reexamination, the candidate must take all subjects for which failing grades were received. To obtain credit for a subject or subjects passed upon reexamination, the conditional candidate must obtain a grade of not less than 50 in each subject failed. A grade of less than 50 shall have no effect on a prior condition.
- e.* If, on reexamination, the candidate fails to pass the remaining subject or subjects within the time provided for reexamination in subrule 3.6(1), paragraph “c,” such candidate shall revert to the status of a new applicant, take the entire examination, and pay the appropriate fee.

3.6(2) Effective with the implementation of the computer-based examination, a candidate may take the required test subjects individually and in any order. Except as provided in subrule 3.6(3) and rule 193A—3.7(542), credit for any subjects passed shall be valid for 18 months from the actual date the candidate sat for the subject, without the candidate’s having to attain a minimum score on any failed subject(s) and without regard to whether the candidate sat for any other subjects. The candidate shall also be subject to the following:

- a.* The candidate must pass all four subjects of the examination within a rolling 18-month period that begins on the date that the first subject is passed. If all four subjects are not passed within the 18-month period, credit for any subject taken outside the 18-month period shall expire.
- b.* If a candidate fails a subject, the candidate cannot retake the same failed subject in an examination window. An examination window refers to a three-month period in which a candidate has the opportunity to take the examination (comprised of two months when the examination is offered and one month when the examination will not be offered while routine maintenance is performed and the item bank is refreshed). Thus, the candidate will be able to sit for the examination two out of three months within an examination window.

3.6(3) Effective with the implementation of the computer-based examination, a candidate who has earned conditional status on the paper-and-pencil examination will retain conditional credit for the corresponding test subject of the computer-based examination as follows:

| Paper-and-Pencil Examination | Computer-Based Examination |
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| Auditing | Auditing and Attestation |
| Financial Accounting and Reporting (FARE) | Financial Accounting and Reporting |
| Accounting and Reporting (ARE) | Regulation |
| Business Law and Professional Responsibilities (LPR) | Business Environment and Concepts |

Such candidate will be allowed until October 31, 2005, or 18 months from the last administration of the paper-and-pencil examination, whichever is longer, to complete any remaining subjects of the examination before the credit(s) earned under the paper-and-pencil examination expires and the candidate loses credit.

3.6(4) A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the examination once the candidate holds, at the same time, valid credit for passing each of the four subjects of the examination. For purposes of this rule, credit for passing a subject of the examination is valid from the actual date of the testing event for that subject, regardless of the date the candidate actually received notice of the passing score.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 542.5.